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the native population suffered severely. This is worthy of comment, as there is good reason to believe that the Porto Ricans of the seacoast towns are immunes usually. Vaccination has been well done here under the American military government.

While the shipping of this port is at present of little importance, I deem it wise to appoint, nevertheless, a sanitary inspector there. In the first place there is a probability of an early increase in the shipping, but, aside from this, the average of 2 vessels a month requiring inspection will justify such an appointment. For if there is no inspector at this port an inspector must be sent there from the nearest port which has an inspector, Humacao, and his traveling expenses for making 2 trips monthly will amount to more than the salary of the inspector. Moreover this port has now, under the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, been opened as a port of entry, and the arrival of vessels can not always be known beforehand that provision may be made for their inspection.

For these reasons I have nominated in the inclosed letter a sanitary inspector at this port, as authorized by my instructions. In consideration of the small amount of labor involved, however, in the discharge of these duties at present, and of the limited amount of our appropriation, I have reduced the salary to \$20 a month. I respectfully request the Bureau's approval of my recommendations.

Respectfully,

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*Report from San Juan.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *July 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Service at this port and the 5 subports of the island during the month of June, 1900.

Thirty-five vessels were inspected, 1 of which was held in quarantine but allowed to transact business under proper guard. This vessel was the Spanish steamer *Isla de Panay*, which arrived on June 19 from Havana via Central and South American ports.

Twelve pieces of baggage were disinfected during the month, 10 pieces from the *Isla de Panay* and 2 pieces of bedding from the *Ciudad de Cadiz*. There were no persons detained in quarantine during the month.

The weather is now very warm and the rainy season is well advanced. The health of this city continues fair and there are no quarantinable diseases. There were reported during the month 83 deaths and 58 births. The usual list of the causes of deaths is inclosed herewith.

During the month 3 new flush water-closets were installed at the station on Miraflores Island. Repairs were made also to the old plumbing. An extension of 10 feet has been made to the wharf for the small boats, and we now have a depth of 6 feet at low tide. This work was done by the attendants who used some old material on the station. Six piles were driven to a depth of 8 feet in the mud, and a fairly substantial wharf built thereupon. The grounds are still being cleared of the bushes and other vegetation, and some other trees have been set out.

The station was inspected June 7 by Surg. R. M. Woodward.

The officers at the subports report nothing unusual in the shipping, and that their respective ports are free from quarantinable diseases.

During the month there were 15 vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 13 at Humacao, 5 at Arecibo, 2 at Arroyo, and 1 at Aguadilla.

For the same period 201 deaths were reported at Mayaguez, 128 at Arecibo, 31 at Humacao, 62 at Aguadilla, and 34 at Arroyo.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for June, 1900.*

Acute bronchitis .....	1	Broncho-pneumonia .....	5
Pulmonary tuberculosis..	10	Acute encephalitis.....	1
Rachitis.....	5	Rheumatism .....	1
Endo-arteritis.....	1	Mitral insufficiency.....	1
Entero-colitis .....	4	Angio-colitis .....	1
Enteritis.....	7	Meningitis.....	1
Measles.....	6	Septicæmia .....	3
Acute nephritis.....	1	Asphyxia.....	2
Cerebral congestion.....	2	Glanders .....	1
Old age.....	4	Dysentery .....	1
Anæmia .....	3	Neoplasm of stomach.....	1
Cirrhosis of liver.....	5	Aortic aneurism.....	1
Asthma .....	1		
Cardiac lesion.....	3	Total .....	83
Appendicitis.....	1		
Endo-carditis .....	1	June, 1899—	
Aortic insufficiency.....	1	Births.....	54
Athrepsia.....	5	Deaths .....	61
Tetanus infantum.....	1	June, 1900—	
Pulmonary emphysema.....	1	Births .....	58
Malaria.....	1	Deaths.....	83

*Foreign statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AUSTRALIA.—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of May, 1900. Estimated population, 438,300. Total number of deaths, 425, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 9; bubonic plague, 38, and 49 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BAHAMAS.—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended July 9, 1900. Estimated population, 1,472. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Governors Harbor.*—Two weeks ended July 7, 1900. Estimated population, 1,500. One death. No contagious diseases.

*Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.*—Two weeks ended July 5, 1900. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Nassau.*—Two weeks ended July 10, 1900. Estimated population, 12,000. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—*Victoria.*—Month of June, 1900. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 25, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

CUBA.—*Havana.*—Month of June, 1900. Estimated population, 242,055. Total number of deaths, 521, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 9; yellow fever, 8, and 77 from tuberculosis.